

Remarks

By this amendment, the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications and to add an abstract on a separate page.

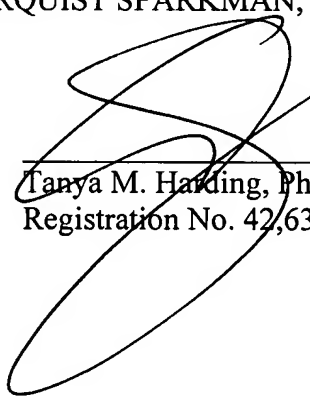
In order to reduce the number of claims, claims 3-5, 11, 12, 14, 17, 25, 28, 35, 37, 39, 40, 47, and 48 have been canceled, and claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 34, 36, 38, 43, 45 and 46 have been amended. After entry of this Amendment, **claims 1, 2, 6-10, 13, 15, 16, 18-24, 26, 27, 29-34, 36, 38, and 42-46 are pending in the application.**

No new matter is added by this amendment. If any matters remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Otherwise, it is believed that this application is in form for substantive examination, which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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